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Rugby revolution

Two Conestoga teams dominate Mohawk and are now playoff bound

BY ADAM BARTHOLOMEW

The Conestoga Canadians have earned two playoff appearances, thanks to two teams winning games by a landslide two hours apart.

On Oct. 20, Conestoga's men's and women's rugby teams won their final regular season games versus Mohawk College at Rogers Field at Brimley Park in Cambridge. The wins sent the teams into the first round of OCAA playoffs.

The women played first and beat Mohawk's girls by a final score of 34-10. Outstanding efforts came from Amy Pennocke and Maureen Copeland-Duncan who each scored two tries in the game. Shortly after the men's team took the field and dominated Mohawk's men. Fourteen different players scored in the men's game, including Brandon Bates who scored two tries.

Although beating Mohawk, which led the women round in rugby on the men's and women's side, may seem like two easy victories, it should be considered as the context of the whole season.

What made the respective teams special was the fact that they both had the same game plan on the playoffs. Both teams lost six first three games of the season, only to come back and run the table winning three



Photo by Scott Anderson

Conestoga and Mohawk engage in a scrum during the first half of their game on Oct. 20. For more photos see Page A1.

final three games. Winning on the same day two hours apart added a magical element to the playoff-winning wins.

Women's head coach Steve Knicker said his team headed over the adversity that start of the season, and when they became closer as a team the wins were not far behind.

"They worked really hard in getting to know each other," Knicker said, "It was just a big old rugby push by the end of our third game. Once we did

that the wins started coming."

Knicker also thanks the individuals they drew to the season, as well as their own team strategies. "We played the third-ranked team (Mohawk College) twice in the first three games. We knew both those games were going to be really tough."

The men also played Mohawk twice in their first three games.

Mohawk head coach Kyle O'Neil

said it was important that his team kept about three hours at the start of the season, and to find a team means out of the first three games.

"I think any time when you have a rough start it's good to have a short memory about it," O'Neil said. "After my third 0-3 we had a new plan. We thought about those three games, there was nothing good in being out of it, and we start a new season, a three-game season and our plan was to go undefeated."

There are still other schools that have games yet to play, giving the Canadians time to rest before they begin the playoffs. Both coaches said they will be giving their players a few days off before they face up their rugby rivals and head back to the field for practice, to get ready for the playoffs, which begin this week.

The playoff schedule will be released today at www.oaa.ca.

Beer club friends tap into their talent

BY ADAM BARTHOLOMEW

If you consider yourself a beer connoisseur, or even if you just like the occasional sit-in, you are in luck. A new microbrewery has opened in the heart of St. Jacobs. Black Thorne Brewery just open its doors early this September and gave the world its first taste of three local craft beers.

The idea of a brewery was first discussed by four friends and one musician. Ryan MacNeil, Philip Hynes, Graham Spencer and David Lehnert, who would get together once a month to eat food

and drink beer. Soon, "beer club" was born. It wasn't long after that the men decided it would be cool to make their own beer. They didn't put up at the idea of their own brews, after 10 months of business planning and preparation, Black Thorne Brewery was up to life.

MacNeil worked at the Wellington Brewery in Guelph for many years before becoming a head brewer. He then moved to his own facility and continued to maintain it. The other musicians were working on songwriting before they decided to leave their life of musicians to start a beer business.

"I've been here at" Hynes said "We've been a lot busier, we all eat, sleep and breathe beer. Everyone coming together has been a lot of fun."

The first three Black Thorne Brewery made are Sugar Bush Brown, a classic brown ale with a little bit of local maple syrup added in, and King Street Session, a light and crisp Belgian-style ale that has a subtle maple taste. They have since added new beers such as Rockin' Rock and English Style Pale Ale.

"We plan to make seasonal beers and specialty ones off from local ingredients," Lehnert said in an article in

The Record.

Within the rustic renovated building, you can buy their beer in kegs and growlers bottles. They also sell it in growlers, which are making good and can be washed and refilled. Local restaurants also have the four blackthorn beers on tap. "It's a real little place," said Luke Pennocke a first timer at the brewery, who noted about his experience.

Black Thorne Brewery is located at 1450 King St. N. St. Jacobs. For more information, check out www.blackthornebrewery.ca or follow them on Twitter at @blackthorne.



Photo by Adam Bartholomew

Philip Hynes, and one of the owners of Black Thorne Brewery, welcomed guests to their Blackthornfest on Oct. 28.

Fest Hall Nooner has DrinkSmart message

BY JOE ANDERSON

There were police reminders of cagey stunts as Thursday's First Step Brawlout, there was beer and there were a bunch of green hats as the Fest Hall Nooners that took place in the Sanctuary on Oct. 27.

Plenty of people showed up and got themselves a drink and a free hat while taking on the police head The 21st, never versions of various hats.

Brendy Buckner, a Conestoga first-year electronics engineering technician student, was one of four hall members.

Kevin Yang, a third-year marketing student observed some of the people stopping at the Sanctuary and noted there were a lot of visitors.

"Yeah, a lot of people caught on about the beer," Yang said.

She said her personal three-egg part of the Fest Hall Nooners was the dancing.

"The dancing, dancing, dancing," Yang said smiling.

Jason Guco, also a third-year marketing student and her teenage part was the music, which the rest of the people in the Sanctuary agreed to be enjoying too.

"The music is really good," Guco said smiling.

The person heading out late during all of this was Nathan Shinder. He works for DrinkSmart Inc. and the hats had a DrinkSmart pin on them.

Shinder said the turnout was great and explained DrinkSmart's message.

"We're not saying don't drink. We're just saying drink responsibly, have a good time. Maybe just not look on those last few drinks. If you drink responsibly in a socially fun way, have a better time, save yourself a little bit of money and save yourself those embarrassing stories."

He added there is a contest to give away \$1,000 toward tuition at www.pisapromo.com night in.

The draw for the tuition prize is on Nov. 7-8.



PHOTO BY JOE ANDERSON

Nathan Shinder grabs some hats from a bag and pins them on display at the Fest Hall Nooners in the Sanctuary, Oct. 27. The event also featured the band, The 21st.

\$4,000 grant available to help students gain experience

BY JULYAN DUBOIS

A grant of \$4,000 is available to students who wish to gain experience working in small- to medium-sized companies abroad. The Global Edge Program works with students and helps them make international connections.

Taylor Petrie, co-ordinator of the program at Conestoga College, has been busy marketing it and actively recruiting for the spring term.

In previous semesters Conestoga has sent two female students to Ecuador for work terms.

Bessie Horvick, a third-year international business management student, wrote a report about her experience.

When planning for the trip I had no idea what to expect. I hadn't even met my employer yet. I had researched the company prior to my phone interview and I had an idea of what the business would be like, but all my expectations were shattered once I arrived.

The Ontario Global Edge grant of up to \$4,000 is to ensure that the students will not have to pay for their travel out of their own pockets.

The work placements are six to 18 weeks and the students can apply to any job in any country abroad. One requirement is that the student is able to travel to all countries

are researched online at the Canadian government travel website, www.international.gc.ca, to ensure travelling is safe for the students.

"It is the end they are an ambassador of the college and the program; we want to make sure they fit all the requirements."

— Taylor Petrie

There are two ways to apply to the Global Edge program. Petrie said the students are encouraged to find job listings online and make their own international connections. However, students may also apply to jobs, posted by Petrie on the My Careers page and current database on the Conestoga website.

"An ideal candidate would be a student who has previously travelled abroad or has their own international connections and knows the languages of where they would like to travel. In the end, they are an ambassador of the college and the program; we want to make sure they fit all the required criteria," Petrie said.

The team again showed one, small toward a group placement of three to be placed in a way that is best for a

way to gain work experience for a student.

Before departure the students selected to travel must complete the Going Global pre-departure training provided by Conestoga College. The international support services officer, Janet Pusch, will meet with the students and provide them with training on what to do when they arrive, how to be safe, under duress, how to get health insurance before they leave, health travel tips and much more.

"It is a way to keep track of the students and where they are going and keep them as safe as possible while they are abroad," Pusch said.

When the travelling students return, they are required to make three presentations about their travels. One must be returned, possibly to the K&F Chapter of Conestoga, and two optional. One can be either in a class or a health club up to the halls of the colleges and one must be in a meeting with a group of travelling students and other Global Edge staff.

The program is very competitive. If a student is not chosen to travel the first time he or she applies, Petrie encourages them to try again in the following term after strengthening their international connections.

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Actors and actresses dress up for the Halloween nights at Canada's Wonderland, hoping to scare the legions and of people.

Story and photos by
Randi Clarke

Visit Wonderland, if you dare

If you still enjoy Halloween, but are too old to trick-or-treat, Canada's Wonderland is for you.

Halloween Horror, formerly known as Fearfest, puts on quite a show every year.

In a Canada's largest haunt, of those parks, with over 100 months, 10 months of intense, three uniquely themed scare areas and three live shows every half hour. The park is open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays in October and also Halloween night.

The grounds of Canada's Wonderland are transformed, with the regular music and atmosphere being changed to thematic music, some lighting and actors dressed as monsters designed to scare from nowhere and scare you.

One regular attendee, Kelly Steady, said she really enjoys the fact that there is something for the older kids to do on Halloween night, if they choose to do so.

"I love the fact that it feels like you are never too old to enjoy Halloween. I love the scary music, the music, the actors — everything I just love the whole park."

Not everyone happens to enjoy the park though.

"I have mixed feelings on the event. True, the screaming actors are really cool but when you are in the actual scares too, it is always super busy and when you hear someone

else scream it alerts you that something is coming up. It kind of ruins the surprise" said Kristin Robinson, a first-year visual arts student at Centennial College.

Some of the scares include The Asylum, North Haven, Tower of London, Chorus in Midnight, Oak Blood and Corridors.

For those who don't enjoy music though, never fear, some of the major rides such as Legionaire and Schenck are still open for you to enjoy.

Don't think you can just one regular season pass to get into Halloween Horror and that's all Canada's Wonderland has to offer that are specific for the event.

I would advise that you purchase your tickets online and print them from home as opposed to standing in line at Wonderland and purchasing them there. It can save you anywhere from \$10-\$20 depending on what type of pass you get.

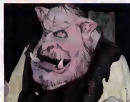
Halloween Horror is open that weekend from 7 p.m. until 12 a.m.

For those who want to stay closer to home, Baganza's has its Scarepark open right up to a mid-weekend Halloween night, from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m.

Last year, 1,110 people didn't make it through one of the haunted houses, chattering out



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Next generation discovers Conestoga

College fair introduces new opportunities to high schoolers

BY GREG STIMPKE

The hallways of Conestoga had some buzz, yet calm neither here, neither around campus two weeks ago.

On Oct. 27 Conestoga College's three-campus played host to an Ontario College Fair, which saw high school students from all over south-western Ontario come to the college to meet with and talk to representatives from not only Conestoga, but from 24 other colleges in Ontario.

The recreation centre was home to a wide variety of booths featuring Conestoga's program descriptions and a select few students from each area of study, while the library housed the booths from other schools.

"In my opinion our campus may be one of the best, as the college has been open a year and we benefit from being exposed to other campuses too," said Paul Coleman, executive director of marketing, recruitment, corporate relations and admissions at Conestoga College.

"Let's face it, people in Ontario or South Bay Maroo Island won't drive here for an open house but can get in per-

sonal questions answered on the spot from a Conestoga representative on duty."

The college fair gives potential students a firsthand look into what is offered and can help students come to a decision about what program and school is the right choice for them. However, many students who attend the fair, such as Royal Deane from Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Toronto, already have their choice made and just came for the experience.

"I want to be a playwright because I did a play and I liked it. Conestoga has the best program in all of Ontario and I want to get into that."

The choice to attend college over university continues to grow in popularity due to a number of factors, all of which play in the college system's favour.

"College offers a wide range of program options, it is cost efficient and employers are looking for college grads, not because they are ready to work," said Tiffany Good, marketing and event coordinator for Conestoga College. From a student's perspec-



PHOTO BY GREG STIMPKE

Prospective Conestoga College students and parents flock around the Conestoga information table during the Ontario College Fair held on Oct. 27 at the Goose campus.

tive, the choice to attend college over university is simple.

"It is easier to get into college," said Brooke Howley from Glendale High School in Tillamook.

As the college fair developed,

there was many different classes available to students. While that may be true, Vicki Mele-Gonzalez, liaison officer for Conestoga College, promises Conestoga is the place to be.

"Our location is very key being smack dab in the middle of southwestern Ontario, with lots of industry (in the region) and approximately 150 programs (at the school), there is something for everyone," she said.

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It's a K-W food fight

BY LAURIE KIRBY

Katherine Waterhouse is getting back in game tonight that's one with the Great Canadian Food Fight. With some clocking, some shuffling and some hitting the marks, the Food Bank of Waterloo Region had all hopes of being an extra pounds of food than the best leader of Waterloo, Prince Albert, Regina and Halifax — with one national goal in mind.

"Why are we doing this?" Barb Framingham-Keller, co-manipulator/vice manager at the Food Bank of Waterloo Region, said to a room full of volunteers.

"It's not just you hungry, it's the rest of the province, the nation, volunteers, business people and politicians need to listen."

The Great Canadian Food Fight is set up so that those needs of individuals who come food bank services will benefit, even though only one region wins the heavyweight title of highest contributor. This is the second time our local food bank has competed, with a total weight of over 150,000 lbs in the last year.

Slightly underweight in comparison to last year, this year Katherine Waterhouse received 128,058 lbs in donations, coming in second place overall. However, it was the first time the winner the Regina Food Bank, which collected a whopping 184,414 lbs. for a national total of 589,443 lbs.

The success of the Great Canadian Food Fight will allow the Food Bank of Waterloo Region to feed the area for the next six weeks.

Donations often double during month-long seasons such as late spring and summer, however volunteers are out of school and churches drive tend to support those in need during the holidays, rather than just around. With Thanksgiving over and Halloween approaching this year could not have been better.

"You see this up and down of donations coming in, and in the meantime, we're still distributing 20,000 lbs plus of non-perishable food every week. We need this for all of us to keep going," Framingham-Keller said.

Running from Oct. 17 to 18 the Great Canadian Food Fight provided the opportunity to be a part of, engage in and give back to the community — as a volunteer, donor, supporter or recipient. "We had 8,400 volunteers last year. You can't move four million lbs. of food back

year without volunteers," Framingham-Keller said.

Every donation whether it was a few cans or boxes of non-perishable goods from an individual, or large bulk orders from companies, was weighed upon receipt at the 10th Avenue C.O. warehouse and added to the total weight. "While accepting donations is easy, it is the sorting of non-perishables that requires a lot of attention to detail. The community donations that come in — there are all sorts of things. When you do a food drive you don't just collect one item, you get a huge assortment," Framingham-Keller said.

With sorting and donations ending at 8 p.m. on Oct. 18, a race of all-out competition sorting took halfhearted volunteers per competition on Oct. 19.

Tape ripping, screaming questions to one another or about where things go, cardboard dropped all over the tables, throwing, shouting, noise filling and pump trucks bringing thousands of pounds of food in for teams to sort, the Corporate Food Sort Challenge came in six waves on day two.

Teams such as the Boardwalk Angels, Team Swampscott, Kitchener Rangers, Cambridge Peaking Pro, Restonville College lacrosse Youth at Ayrton, the Forest Heights Trips Tuckers and six other teams took for a few titles. Teams were awarded for the fastest food sorting, top fundraiser, best dressed, best team name and most spirited.

The 12 teams began the Sort Challenge with the initial rounds on how to sort with volunteer co-ordinators, Ross Tynes. "Part of the food sorting process is not only putting things in the correct categories, but making sure that as we sort things ended just that it's all safe food going out," Tynes said, explaining that damaged, expired product or expired goods are immediately thrown into the trash.

After hearing the extensive list of sorting rules and categories, the volunteers, too, were sorted and assessed. Tynes said there are for too many types of items on the market. Realizing that information was essential to their speed in the competition, and that knowledge was put to the test after a quick tour of the facility.

"We rely on community donations, but we also rely on corporate donations," Framingham-Keller said, as she led the groups through the warehouse, revealing a



PHOTO BY LAURIE KIRBY

Austin Nguyen pulls a canned good from the bottom of a donation box in the Sort Challenge on Oct. 18 in Kitchener.

very precise method to what appears to be random food donations.

Maggie Laroche, 22, a team member of the Cambridge Peaking Pro, was excited about helping the cause and supporting in the community. "I work at Cambridge and they asked me if I wanted to do it, and of course I said yes," Laroche said, taking the competition very seriously, with black wax paint on her cheeks.

"You have to be fast for four years," team leader Michael Moore said. "There are some strange foods that go through here... but the point is to have fun and enjoy your challenge." The food bank was everything from, all had to be sorted into bins.

Most of the competitors sorted about 1,000 to 2,000 lbs. of food, with the exception of Team Swampscott, who sped through 3,004 lbs of non-perishable goods. The Kitchener Rangers scored 1,514 lbs, Cambridge Peaking Pro scored 1,456 lbs and Restonville College Youth at Ayrton ran through 1,874 lbs of goods.

The Kitchener Rangers and Restonville Insurance acted as on-site sponsors to the Great Canadian Food Fight Corporate Sort Challenge. Investors Group Financial Services, Boardwalk Rental Construction and Cambridge Trips Food Trucks were additional sponsors to this successful drive.

In a media release, Wendy



Maggie Laroche, 22, enthusiastically picks food to sort at part of the Great Canadian Food Fight Corporate Food Sort Challenge.

Campbell executive director of the food bank, explained how advantageous this program is for all of Canada. "We heard stories from donors about why they supported the Great Canadian Food Fight. Some had received help in their home. Some knew a neighbor who had needed help to get

over a rough time. Many felt that helping others to simplify the right thing to do — the beautiful thing about this competition is that we all win when we are good hungry," Campbell said. "The volunteers, donors, or co-ordinate a food drive, visit www.foodbank.ca.

Egging on innovative young minds

Go ENG Girl workshops target tech savvy girls in Grades 7 to 10

BY LAUREN BOWLE

Was your egg – that was the message to a room full of young women at the Go ENG Girl event on Oct. 19. The workshop was oriented to inspire young women to step in and follow their dreams and currently for engineering. However, above and beyond the usual preaching to stay in school, the girls quite literally had to save their whole uncooked eggs from a two-story fall using their well-crafted, unproven designs.

Go ENG Girl, presented by the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers begins with Karen Cain, chair of the engineering and information technology program, welcoming the parents and participants. “I’m not the type of person who thinks ‘hey, I can fix that,’ then engineering might be for you,” Cain said.

The workshop is targeted toward young girls in Grades 7 to 10, to get them excited about potential careers in engineering – a field that is male dominated. With hands-on activities, parent sessions, student exhibits, career advice and guest speakers, the girls had the opportunity to explore the many ways in which engineering shapes our world and how they can get involved.

John Henderson, executive dean of the School of Engineering and Information Technology and School of Trade and Apprenticeship at Conestoga College, was the guest speaker Saturday morning. Shifting from an opening lecture to an actual engineer, Henderson

journey into engineering did not begin until midway through university, when she realized she was taking the most course in her male counterparts in engineering programs here. “There was an air of engineering, whatever,” Henderson said, reflecting on the lack of guidance from her high school counselor. “I was nervous, but a different kind of nervous... I (should) found something I really liked and I went with it.”

Part of the reason why the gender ratio in engineering is so disproportionate is the lack of direction that female students receive, and Go ENG Girl is looking to change that. The ultimate goal is that persistence from now there will be far more women in the field to provide an equal balance of perspectives on the multitude of products engineers design. “There were no women engineers to look up to – I had engineering in my blood – that’s so much you can do with it,” Henderson said. However, young girls are often directed toward careers such as nursing that are traditionally more female-dominated, despite having an interest in math, science and technology.

By introducing these programs and career paths to Grades 7 to 10, the girls can make significant educational decisions – such as high school electives in college and university applications – with a full awareness of all opportunities. “It really is a great career with so many opportunities,” Henderson said.

Henderson and Cain explained the different roles



PHOTO BY LAUREN BOWLE

Three Go ENG Girl participants drop an egg from the second story of Conestoga’s Cambridge campus to the main floor on Oct. 18.

the prospective students could take from industrial to civil engineering – and everything in between. While parents stayed behind to hear more about the program and participate, the Go ENG girls were led to the upstairs for the hands-on portion of the workshop led by engineering professor Nancy Wilson.

We used each transport of eggs from point A to point B,” Wilson said, adding that the distance from point A (the second floor) to point B (the ground floor) involved dropping the egg with or then making it down the

right of stairs.

Before the girls began, Wilson explained the engineering design process – ask, imagine, plan, create and improve – before they could split off into teams of two or three. The teams were each given printed money with a value of \$25 and were told to create with egg’s protection as small and cost-effective as possible – elements of real world engineering and business planning.

With volunteer Adam Brinkman acting as both leader and arbiter of the limited resources – such as pencils, paper, bubble cardboard tape and string – the prospective students were also given a time limit of less than an hour. “When Meghan Schneider, School student, Mary Asher said her parents are strongly encouraging her to get into engineering, ‘My mom was at the school and she said the engineer was like, I signed you up, and now I’m here,’ Asher said. The 15-year-old who hopes to study her engineering major name of the University of Waterloo and later transfer to Conestoga College, found the Go ENG Girl event to be a lot of fun. “It was really informative,” Asher said.

“We actually learned how few eggs cracked (or broke) – that is great,” engineering professor Jane Carr said excitedly after each team took their turn dropping eggs in the maze lobby. Carr, one of the few female engineering professors at Conestoga College, attended the event to represent the students

group she oversees – Women in Trade and Technology (WITT), a supportive and educational group for current female engineering students.

“If you’re the type of person who thinks, ‘hey, I can fix that,’ then engineering might be for you.”

— Karen Cain, chair of engineering and info. tech

Also on hand to provide information for parents and prospective students was Karen Lee, an advisor from a consultation at Conestoga College, who works directly with engineering students in finding co-op placements. “We do have a lot of opportunities offered for when you’re in the program,” Lee said, adding that there are multiple benefits of co-op terms, such as networking, income, work experience and the ability to remain engaged in the Conestoga community.

For more information on Go ENG Girl, visit www.conestoga.ca/enggirl. Female students currently at Conestoga who are interested in joining WITT can find more information on the Women in Technology and Trade (WITT) Conestoga College Facebook page which lists upcoming meetings, events and discussions.



PHOTO BY LAUREN BOWLE

Volunteer Adam Brinkman works on a subject in a group of prospective female engineers during a Go ENG Girl

The wheel deal

BY HADLEY BERRY

Matt Corbett takes pepping a unicycle to a whole new level, saying he only has one wheel to ride with.

Corbett is a first-year construction construction engineering technology student at the Conestoga College Cambridge campus and has recently started a unicycle club.

Corbett's original intent for the club was to round up a good group of unicyclists to wheel around town. He soon realized, however, that there was a lack of unicycle enthusiasts within the college community, so the club quickly turned into a training group of Conestoga's many members to ride.

The Unicycle Club is now an open group that meets weekly to learn how to ride, practice and enjoy. Corbett's Club isn't all in ones, all of course.

"No unicycle purchase required," Corbett said. "I supply it all."

Five years ago, the 18-year-old Corbett had a childhood friend who had decided to uni-

cycle as a hobby.

"I convinced him... and I figured I'd give it a go."

Just as someone learning how to ride a bike would usually need training wheels or a steady hand to hold the back of his/her seat, unicyclists usually need a making or wall. However, Corbett was taught to "just get on and go for it."

"I learned the same way possible," he noted. "He was taught to steady himself using a door frame and when ready, to spin and into the open air."

Two weeks later, after some bloodshed and bruises, he was able to travel his first 200 metres.

Today a unicycle is a means of transportation for Corbett.

"One time I went to the store to pick up my groceries on my unicycle... got my milk and bread... came out of the store, hopped on my unicycle and we pulled over. A woman hopped out of the vehicle, came up to me and said, 'hey, I'm not stopping you on anything but I've seen you ride your unicycle before

and I was wondering if you could teach my son."

Corbett said riding a unicycle around town results in a lot of positive attention and his adventures. Store managers and security guards have warmly welcomed him to ride about their stores despite the obvious steel on wheels as he barely spins slowly past upon entering.

For anyone interested in taking up the sport, unicycle prices range depending on the quality. Most shops don't typically carry them so one might have to go to a niche market. Most people purchase them new or used off the Internet.

Contact Matt Corbett at 416-226-0388 for more information if you are interested in attending a meeting of The Unicycle Club.

"You can wear whatever helps you feel comfortable and comfortable of that means a bubble wrap body suit."

"When others are sitting at you because you are doing something completely random, it puts a smile on your face," Corbett said.



PHOTO BY HADLEY BERRY

Matt Corbett balances on his unicycle with just one foot as a pedal and one hand as the seat.

Slender Man is lurking around Conestoga

BY STEVE SMITH

Do you feel a little on the level of your mind?

If so, it may be because you are being haunted by the mysterious man who slithers from a lurking shadow.

In fact, being haunted is exactly what will happen if you participate in the Conestoga Residence and Conference Centre's unique game of hide-and-seek on Oct. 26.

The game Slender Man is being organized by the Residence House Council and will be taking place from 5 to 10 p.m.

Named after the original 2009 computer video game, Slender is a twist on the traditional game of hide-and-seek.

In the video game, the objective is to locate and collect eight pages that are hidden in various areas of the forest all the while avoiding Slender Man.

Slender Man is a "tall, thin" paranormal being that has the ability to teleport. It is described as very tall and thin, with unnaturally long arms. It also has a white, featureless head and wears a black suit. The Slender Man is known to stalk children.

"The goal of the game is to find eight pages while trying not to get caught by Slender

Man himself," said Sydney Thorne, the resident council organizing the event in an email. "This takes the idea of a whole new level instead of just pure hide-and-seek."

During the game, players will be working in the The house itself will be run the house itself in order to tell

who has been caught and who is still in the game.

"The ultimate goal of the game is to collect all eight pages with at least one left left," Thorne said.

The event, which is free, will only be open to students living in residence. Complimentary drinks will be served.



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This photo compilation shows Slender Man, a "tall, thin" paranormal being that has the ability to teleport, amongst trees.

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Left: Mike Sullivan of Conestoga dodges Matt Cookson of Marston College during a men's rugby game at Riverside Park in Cambridge on Oct. 26. Conestoga won the game by a repeated margin of 55-5.

CONDORS MAKE PLAYOFFS



Members of Conestoga's men's rugby team take down a Marston player during the second half of their game at Riverside Park.



Players from Conestoga and Marston battle for a loose ball. Conestoga won the game 55-5, clinching a playoff berth in the process.

Buy or Run? Bruce tells all

BY ANDREW CHIRCH

Bruce McClure is a registered home inspector, and has been for 10 years. He's also been the coordinator for the home inspection program at Centennial College for the past 10 years. And he has been the national president of the home inspectors in Canada. His passion, however, is the usually portrayed by TV programs and sensationalized by much of the public, inspectors which prompted him to write a book that exposes the hidden truths of the industry.

"I started to write about it four years ago," McClure says. "But last fall, after having about the government took our regulations about what makes a home inspection qualified and going to a TV personality for advice, I went straight home and down, and that's about five days for the last 10 months."

McClure is a driven man, and you can gather that from the way he carries himself. A man of average height with slightly graying hair and dark blue eyes he followed in his chair as if it pinned him to stay still. His demeanor is of one used to dealing with people, his driving smile and a somewhat tone from you to relax and speak honestly, knowing the role as an inspector.

His speaker about has been entitled *Buy or Run*, with great excitement and justified confidence. McClure said buy or don't know enough about what really happens in the home selling and buying process, so he intends to educate people from a home inspector's point of view.

"People have got concerned about," McClure said. "They think that what they see on TV is what a real home inspection is, but it's not."



A home inspector, a reader and now an author, Bruce McClure poses with his new book, *Buy or Run*, at Centennial College's Home program on Oct. 15.

Buy or Run, published Oct. 23, deals with popular misconceptions about the home

inspection business, misinformation delivered by TV programs, and pre-

by those who call themselves home inspectors without actually knowing what an inspec-

tor entails.

"You could go to Staples tonight, print a business card, and tomorrow you're a home inspector," McClure said.

The book also explains some of the shady tactics that realtors, as well as home inspectors, will use in order to make the sale. McClure's readers will have a particular home inspector in their pocket and will identify inspectors who refuse to turn a blind eye to hidden flaws, making for unhappy home owners.

"What a lot of people don't understand is that when it comes to making a home inspection, it's the realtor that picks the home inspector," McClure said. "Most home inspectors are going to favour a home inspector who isn't going to say anything when going to turn a blind eye to things."

McClure previously played with a group as he spoke of the program's men who have professional but may do more, not despite his obvious talent, but because he knows the educational purposes of *Buy or Run* as opposed to any fame or recognition it would bring him.

The book was produced by an organizer of the American Association of Home Inspectors, the current president of the Canadian Association and the Ontario Association," McClure said, promising to do so. "The book is being promoted heavily through the U.S. and Canada."

"It's not a case of writing a book to say I wrote a book. It's to make the public aware."

Buy or Run will be available in both ebook and print formats. For more information on Bruce McClure and his book, you can visit www.bruceandshirley.com.

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